

## FAIR PLAY HIS PLEA

### President Finley Talks on Railroad Situation.

#### TENDENCY IN LEGISLATION

Head of Southern Declares Railroads Differently Regarded from All Other Business Undertakings. Antagonism Being Carried to Point that Will Mean Destruction.

Memphis, Tenn., April 22.—President W. W. Finley, of the Southern Railway Company, was one of the principal speakers at a banquet here to-night. After referring to the importance of the Mississippi River to the city of Memphis, and declaring that he was in favor of a most liberal policy of river and harbor improvement, Mr. Finley said:

"All that I ask for the railroads is fair play and the same active and aggressive public interest in their welfare that is manifested in behalf of water transportation and all other business enterprises contributing to the growth and prosperity of the country.

"In some of the States, owing, perhaps, to a failure to understand the true relations of the railroads to the business of their communities and the identity of interests between the public and the roads, there is a tendency to regard the railroads as different from all other business undertakings and as the proper objects of burdensome restriction rather than of helpful encouragement. This tendency is being manifested in legislation that would universally be recognized as destructive if applied to any other business. It has been carried to such lengths that thoughtful business men, who recognize the importance of efficient transportation agencies to the success of their own business may well consider what are to be the final results.

**Antagonism to Railroads.**

"Is antagonism to railroads to be carried to the point that will destroy the properties, or only to the point that will cripple them? What will be the inevitable effect on the general prosperity of the country of either of these degrees of destruction? These are questions that every business man should ask himself, and that he should propound to those responsible for enacting and executing legislation. If these questions are answered without prejudice, it will be found that, in every case, legislation that goes farther than proper regulation, cripples every business interest along the lines of the railroads affected as surely as it cripples the railroads themselves.

"Contending that the future growth of the South depended, in large measure, on the attitude of Southern communities toward railway development, Mr. Finley said:

"I cannot conceive that the people of any locality should deliberately favor a policy that would restrict investments, but business men will not put their money in any locality unless they are assured that its transportation agencies are strong enough and prosperous enough to expand their service with the growth of business. Since the construction of railroads first began, they have ever been the forerunner of development. In localities already supplied with railroads, further investments depend on the assurance of the adequacy of railway facilities. For these reasons Southern industrial development and Southern railway development must go hand in hand, in the future, as they have in the past. Stifle or restrict railway development in any section, and the inevitable result will be to stifle or restrict all industrial progress and material advancement in that section.

**Interests Declared Identical.**

"I think that no one who studies the subject carefully and without prejudice can differ with me in the conclusion that the interests of a railway and of the people depending upon it for transportation are identical, and that, while the public is entitled to the best service that the railway can give, the railway is equally entitled to just and fair treatment at the hands of the public. I think it must also be as clear to the business men of the South as it is to me that, if the railroads of this section are to increase their efficiency as transportation agencies and as allies with Southern communities for Southern development, they must spend large sums of money within the next few years. The practical question that confronts the railway managers of the South is: How is this money to be obtained? This is not only a vital question for the railroads, but it is also a vital question for the Southern people."

Mr. Finley pointed out the utter inadequacy of railway income to provide funds for betterments, and he explained, showing that if every dollar of the net income of the Southern Railway for this year had been used for this purpose, it would have amounted to only about \$500,000 per mile, whereas the road has actually spent, or contracted to spend, for capitalized betterments and improvements, more than \$6,000,000 or within a fraction of \$4,000 per mile on its present mileage. He showed that adequate funds could be obtained only by borrowing and that every attack on the earning power of a railway through legislation reducing arbitrarily its charges or imposing onerous and restrictive conditions on its operation, is an attack on its ability to maintain and improve its service and reacts on those it is intended to benefit.

**Legislation that Cripples.**

Mr. Finley referred to propositions to reduce passenger fares in the Southern States as an illustration of the character of legislation that cripples the ability of a railway to perform service and improve its facilities. He showed that passenger rates that might be profitable in States with dense population and heavy passenger traffic, like Massachusetts, New York, or Ohio, would be impossible in States like Tennessee and Mississippi, where the population is so sparse that heavy traffic cannot be built up at any rates. He contended that all laws imposing penalties on railroads for failure to perform impossible services were inimical both to the railroads and the public. In conclusion, he said:

"For these reasons, I feel justified in urging upon you that your own interests demand from you something more than a mere passive belief on your part in the self-evident truth that the railroads should have fair play. The South needs, and needs urgently and speedily, a great expansion of transportation facilities. The railroads are willing and anxious to supply these facilities. As business men, therefore, you are vitally and personally interested in seeing that the railroads have fair play and a square deal; that their passenger and freight rates are not arbitrarily reduced so as to cripple their credit and prevent them from improving their facilities, and that they are not subjected to restrictive regulations as to car service and traffic movement that will make it impossible for them to give equal and fair treatment to the extent of their ability, to all buyers of transportation, whether for interstate traffic or for intrastate traffic."

## J. V. L. FINDLAY BURIED.

### Remains of Former Representative Interred at Baltimore.

Special to The Washington Herald. Baltimore, April 22.—The funeral of John V. L. Findlay was held this afternoon at his late home, 327 St. Paul street. Only relatives and intimate friends attended the services, such being the wish of the family on account of the recent illness of Mrs. York Allen, Mr. Findlay's daughter. Rev. Robert A. Boyle, of Hagerstown, who married a niece of Mr. Findlay, officiated, owing to the illness of Rev. Dr. Donald Guthrie, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, this city, of which Mr. Findlay was a member. The pallbearers, in addition to Mr. Findlay's law partner—Thomas MacKenzie—were all family connections, and included Col. Charles A. Little, Findlay French, and Robert Wright, all of Hagerstown; William F. Brown and Francis S. Brown, of Philadelphia; Vincent Keesey, of York, Pa., and Findlay Van Lear, of Wilmington, Del. Interment was in Greenmont Cemetery.

## EX-JUDGE WATERS BETTER.

### Suffered Slight Stroke of Paralysis, but May Recover.

Special to The Washington Herald. Belair, Md., April 22.—Ex-Judge James D. Waters is resting quietly to-day, and if no unforeseen complications arise his physician, Dr. Robert S. Page, believes he will recover.

He was taken ill about 6 o'clock on Sunday morning with a slight stroke of paralysis. His speech is slightly impaired, but he is perfectly conscious, and converses with his family and doctor. He is being kept quiet, and no one is allowed to see him except his family.

## BRIEBY CHARGES PROBED

### Baltimore Grand Jury Investigating Railroad Deal Allegations.

Statements Made by Robert Burton in Suit Against Senator Stephen B. Elkins.

Special to The Washington Herald. Baltimore, April 22.—The investigation of the grand jury into the charges of graft against city councilmen at the time of the sale of the Western Maryland Railroad in 1902 to the Fuller syndicate, was taken up to-day, when City Councilman George Stewart Brown was summoned. Mr. Brown was called early and remained before the jury for ten minutes.

It is said that Mr. Brown was present at an interview between Robert Burton, who made the charges, and F. G. Landstreet, of the Western Maryland Railroad Company. Mr. Landstreet, according to a statement made recently by Mr. Burton, made reference to certain members of the council who demanded a price for their votes in favor of the Fuller bid. Later this was denied, and it is understood that the grand jury was especially anxious to hear from Mr. Brown.

Before going before the jury to-day Mr. Brown was told to discuss the matter.

"I do not think that I would be doing exactly right," he said, "if I were to make public at the present time what seems to me to be matter for the inquest alone, and I beg to be excused from talking on that account."

So far Mr. Burton and Mr. Brown have been the most important witnesses called. It was stated to-day that James B. Guyton will be called before the grand jury to-morrow. Mr. Guyton was a member of the second branch of the city council at the time the deal was put through.

Upon his return from Atlantic City, it is probable that Maj. Richard M. Venable, president of the park board, who was president of the second branch of the council at that time, will be called.

An appeal will be made to have Mr. Landstreet appear before the grand jury to-morrow and testify in the case. A summons was issued for him on Saturday.

## GODFREY WILL DECLARED VOID

### Mrs. Rachael Richardson to Share in Sister's Estate.

Special to The Washington Herald. Upper Marlboro, Md., April 22.—After a stubborn contest lasting one week, the jury in the Godfrey will case returned a verdict here late Saturday afternoon, declaring the will purported to be executed by Mrs. P. Godfrey void.

Early in April of last year, Mrs. Godfrey, who was visiting relatives in Annapolis, D. C., fell into a tub of boiling water, receiving injuries from which she died in Providence Hospital, Washington. During her confinement in the hospital, it was alleged, she executed a will in which she left all of her property, consisting of a farm of thirty acres, located near Forestville, Prince George's county, personal effects, etc., to Benjamin F. Dean, a nephew, and Josephine Baldwin, a niece. The only witnesses to this will were Dean and Tyler Baldwin, husband of Josephine Baldwin.

Mrs. Rachael A. Richardson, of Washington, sister of the dead woman, filed a caveat to the will, setting out that the whole matter was a fraud, and that, as a matter of fact, Mrs. Godfrey never legally executed the will filed in the Orphans' Court of Prince George's county.

The verdict of the jury upsetting the will means that one-half of the property will go to Mrs. Rachael Richardson and the other half to the Dean heirs.

## JAMES T. KNIGHT DEAD.

### Special to The Washington Herald.

Winchester, Va., April 22.—James T. Knight, merchant and farmer of Armet, this county, died Sunday, after a lingering illness, aged fifty-one years. He is survived by his wife and five sons.

## CREDIT FOR ALL WASHINGTON

### GO-CARTS.

To see our big stock of Baby Vehicles makes you wonder how the makers can originate so many pretty designs and such convenient styles. We show row on row of Go-carts, all different, and each one seemingly prettier than all the others. The prices are so well graded that, no matter how much you wish to pay, you can find many pretty patterns to select from. We invite you to select anything from our stock when you want it, and pay the bills in small amounts to suit you.

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## CHURCH DISRUPTION

### Alexandria Methodist Protestants at Odds.

#### NEW ORGANIZATION PLANNED

Differences of Long Standing Culminate in Separation of Congregation into Factions—Smaller Body, Containing Many Influential Members to Form Independent Society.

#### WASHINGTON HERALD BUREAU.

(Bell Telephone 113.)

Cum gratia of Prince and Royal Streets.

Alexandria, Va., April 22.—Steps have been taken by a number of members of the local Methodist Protestant church to form an organization apart from the parent body. About forty persons, who, until recently, were communicants of the church, have made arrangements for a meeting to be held next Friday evening in Immanuel Lutheran Church, when plans for the formation of a new society under the same denomination will be discussed.

It is stated that several of those interested have contemplated the establishment of another Methodist Protestant church in Alexandria, but it is understood that this measure is not at present favored by a majority of the members. The plan which, it is said, will probably be adopted at the meeting is simply to unite the members in a society to keep intact their church life, and to preserve their connection with the Methodist Protestant denomination. Differences of long standing in the congregation of the church recently culminated in a decided separation into two factions. It is the smaller body, containing many of those formerly most influential in the church, who propose to form the new organization.

Rev. G. I. Humphreys, who was recently appointed pastor of the Methodist Protestant church, has just commenced his pastorate. The regular congregation has elected new officers, and it is said that the affairs of the church are now in good condition.

#### Charles F. Entwistle Dead.

Capt. Charles F. Entwistle, a widely known riverman of this city, died this evening about 9 o'clock, after a brief illness, at his home, 439 North Columbus street. Death was due to heart disease. Capt. Entwistle was at one time commander of the steamer Arrowsmith, and he was also in charge of one of the ferry steamers on the line between here and Washington. Some years ago he retired from the steamboat service and engaged in the mercantile business on North Columbus street. He was about sixty-three years of age. His wife and five children—Misses Florence, Mary, and Margaret Entwistle, and Charles W. Entwistle and Bertine Entwistle—survive him. Arrangements for the funeral have not yet been made.

#### Democrats to Hold Meeting.

A mass meeting of the Democratic voters of Alexandria County will be held at the county courthouse on Fort Myer Heights next Wednesday evening, when addresses will be delivered by Judge Charles E. Nicol, John E. Ryan, R. Lindsey Gordon, and C. C. Carlin, candidates for the Democratic nomination for Congress. The meeting will be called to order by Curtis Graham, the county chairman.

#### The State Corporation Commission has

granted a charter to the Murray Engineering and Manufacturing Company, of this city. The capital stock is placed at \$50,000. The officers are C. E. Wood, president; W. B. Murray, secretary; H. J. Staley, treasurer. These, in addition to G. P. Sacks, are the incorporators.

#### The funeral of George L. Simpson,

former mayor of Alexandria, which will take place to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock from his late residence, 128 North Columbus street, and will be attended by the members of the city council, other city officials, and citizens generally, as well as by the fraternal organizations of which he was a member.

#### Rev. Dr. Frank J. Brooke, of Romney,

Va., formerly pastor of the Second Presbyterian Church in this city, was here this evening visiting friends.

#### MISS LEILA MCGUIRE TO WED.

### Virginia Belle to Become Wife of New York Lawyer.

Special to The Washington Herald.

Winchester, Va., April 22.—Dr. and Mrs. William P. McGuire to-day announced the engagement of their daughter, Leila Moss McGuire, to Lewis Huntington Hyde, of New York, the wedding to take place at Christ Protestant Episcopal Church about the middle of June.

Miss McGuire is a granddaughter of the late John Randolph Tucker, the distinguished jurist and statesman, and a niece of the late Dr. Hunter Holmes McGuire, the famous Richmond surgeon. Mr. Hyde is a lawyer of New York, and a member of the law firm of Hyde & Leonard, of that city. He is a member of the Players and several other New York clubs, and is well known socially and in legal circles.

#### Nine-time Mayor Renominated.

Special to The Washington Herald.

Lonaconing, Md., April 22.—William Thompson, who has served for nine terms as mayor of Lonaconing, will be renominated for a tenth term, and it is understood that he will be elected without opposition. Thomas Allerdyce, balliff, will be opposed for re-election by Edward Hohing.

#### R. K. Early Discharged.

Special to The Washington Herald.

Lynchburg, Va., April 22.—At Evington this afternoon H. K. Early, the merchant, who, Sunday afternoon, shot and killed John Greenman night telegraph operator for the Southern, was discharged after a preliminary trial conducted by three county magistrates. Early's plea was self-defense.

#### Life Insurance Company Loses.

Special to The Washington Herald.

Cumberland, Md., April 22.—The suit of Thomas N. Mullen and others, executors, against the Mutual Life Insurance Company, of New York, to recover \$1,000, the amount of the policy held on the life of John J. Mullen, was decided in favor of the jury, in favor of the plaintiff for the full amount of the policy and \$50 interest. Payment was refused on the alleged grounds that the insured had deceived the company's physicians.

#### Mahlon Knadler Dead.

Special to The Washington Herald.

Hagerstown, Md., April 22.—Mahlon Knadler died at his home in Keedysville district to-night, aged seventy-seven years. His house caught fire a few weeks ago, and he was contracted at the time it is believed to have hastened his death. He is survived by his wife and nine children.

## COLT DRAGS DRIVER.

### Bradley Ward Seriously Hurt in Runaway Accident.

Special to The Washington Herald. Rockville, Md., April 22.—Bradley Ward, aged fifteen years, son of Mortimer Ward, of Barnesville district, was perhaps fatally injured in a runaway accident yesterday evening.

In company with his brother, Vinton Ward, he was returning to his home in a buggy hitched to a spirited colt. Young Ward dropped his whip and got out to get it. As he attempted to get back into the vehicle, the colt took fright and started down a steep hill. As the colt started off, Bradley Ward's leg became entangled in one of the front wheels of the buggy and he was dragged down the steep hill and along the rough road, the colt not stopping until the Ward home was reached. The brother was thrown out of the vehicle as the colt turned into the Ward farm. When the young man was found, he was unconscious and his entire right side was a mass of bruises and contusions.

#### DOUBLE WEDDING ARRANGED.

Special to The Washington Herald.

Boys, Md., April 22.—Arrangements have been completed for a double wedding, to take place at Cedar Grove, Thursday afternoon.

The contracting parties are to be Miss Beulah Hattie King and Mr. Harry Lincoln Nicholson and Miss Orrida Jane King and Mr. Garnett Ward. The weddings are to take place at the home of the bridegrooms, the former school commissioner of this county.

## JUDGE KILLS SHERIFF'S SON

### W. G. Loving Surrenders After Shooting Theodore I. Estes.

Domestic Trouble Is Held to Blame for Tragedy Near Lynchburg, Va.

#### Special to The Washington Herald.

Lynchburg, Va., April 22.—At Oak Ridge Depot, Nelson county, this afternoon, Judge W. G. Loving, manager of Thomas F. Ryan's estate, shot and killed Theodore I. Estes, son of the sheriff of Nelson county. Judge Loving used a double-barreled shotgun.

The cause of the trouble is said to be domestic. Loving surrendered to the authorities at Oak Ridge.

#### VISIT NAVAL ACADEMY.

### Officers and Cadets of Argentine War Ship Make Inspection.

Special to The Washington Herald.

Annapolis, Md., April 22.—The Naval Academy was visited this morning by the officers and cadets of the Argentine ship Presidente Sarmiento, now anchored in Baltimore harbor preparatory to sailing for the opening ceremonies at the Jamestown Exposition.

The eleven cadets were under the command of Second Officer Horacio Ballue. A party came down from Baltimore by railroad train, and was shown every courtesy due visiting officers. They were shown over the new buildings by Lieut. Commander E. H. McVay and a party of young officers of the brigade of midshipmen. The visitors dined with the midshipmen in the large mess hall. After seeing the outdoor drills this afternoon the young South Americans rejoined their ship to-night at Baltimore.

#### ARTICLES NOT ACCEPTED.

### Presbytery Rejects Closer Relations with Reformed Churches.

Special to The Washington Herald.

Winchester, Va., April 22.—After an important spring meeting, Winchester Presbytery, which is composed of all the churches of that denomination in the lower valley of Virginia and portions of West Virginia and Maryland, adjourned yesterday at Clear Brook, this county. One of the principal transactions was the presbytery's refusal to endorse or accept the articles of agreement proposed for closer relations with reformed churches of the United States and of the Presbyterian churches of Virginia have voted to make the proposed articles effective.

#### COLLISION NEAR CAPE.

### Frutier Barnstable Severely Damaged by Ferryboat.

Special to The Washington Herald.

Baltimore, April 22.—The British steamer Barnstable, Capt. Davidson, under charter to the United Fruit Company, limped into port this morning with a big hole aft on the port side, a twisted stem, and with about fifteen feet of rails and superstructure ground into kindling. Yesterday morning when about ten miles inside the cape, she was rammed by the steamer Old Point Comfort, a ferry plying between Cape Charles City and Norfolk. The ferry backed off and continued on to Norfolk. The extent of her damage is not known here.

#### EARTHQUAKE IN VIRGINIA.

### Residents of Shenandoah Valley Towns Report Shocks.

Special to The Washington Herald.

Winchester, Va., April 22.—For the past several nights earthquake shocks have been felt in various towns of the lower Shenandoah Valley. At Middletown, Strasburg, and Mount Jackson persons claim to have felt cracks in furniture rocking, and experienced the sickening feeling which accompanies the trembling of the earth.

#### Mrs. Martha Grim Dead.

Special to The Washington Herald.

Winchester, Va., April 22.—Mrs. Martha Grim, widow of David Grim, died yesterday at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Lewis Legg, aged sixty-seven years. She leaves four sons and three daughters.

#### Penner Gets One Year.

Special to The Washington Herald.

Hagerstown, Md., April 22.—William H. Penner was sentenced to one year in the house of correction, for attempting to assault Lydia Toston, twelve years old.

#### Miss Bettie Williams to Marry.

Special to The Washington Herald.

Rockville, Md., April 22.—Announcement was made this morning of the coming wedding of Miss Bettie Williams, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles McMill Williams, to Mr. George Williams Brewer, son of Mr. William G. Brewer, of near Boiesville, this county. The ceremony is to take place at St. Peter's Episcopal Church in Poolesville, May 8.

#### Man and Daughter Badly Burned.

Special to The Washington Herald.

Cape May, N. J., April 22.—Ex-State Senator F. Leaming and his daughter were badly burned by a fire which partly destroyed the residence and office of City solicitor J. Spicer Leaming last afternoon. The fire was caused by the upsetting of an oil stove. The loss is placed at \$2,000.

## BONDS WERE HIDDEN

### Police Find Property Stolen by W. O. Douglass.

#### CLUBMAN PUT UNDER ARREST

Company Officials Declare They Will Not Lose a Dollar by Employee's Theft—Defalcation Likely to Be More Than \$50,000—Wall Street Held Responsible for the Loss.

New York, April 22.—Detectives working in the interests of the Trust Company of America, whose assistant bond clerk, W. O. Douglass, absconded on Saturday with Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific bonds, valued, according to the company, at \$50,000, stopped Oliver M. Dennett, of the firm of O. M. Dennett & Co., brokers, 42 Wall street, as he was leaving the Manhattan Club this morning and told him that he would have to submit to arrest.

The detectives went back with Dennett to his apartments in the club, and after an exhaustive search they found about \$30,000 worth of the missing bonds between the mattresses on his bed.

To-night Mr. Thorne, president of the Trust Company of America, said that he did not care either to deny or affirm the fact that part of the missing bonds had been found in Dennett's rooms at the club.

"I will say this much," he added, "that the Trust Company of America has not yet recovered the bonds taken from its offices by Douglass, but that it confidently expects to do so in the near future. The company has not lost a dollar and will not lose a dollar. To-morrow at 1 o'clock Judge Morgan J. O'Brien, counsel for the trust company, will give out a statement which I think will make interesting reading."

#### Bonds in Brokers' Hands.

It was learned to-day from a reliable source that a large part of the bonds from the trust company are now in the hands of other brokers besides Dennett. Negotiations for the return of these bonds to the trust company were under way to-day, and the trust company awaits the securing of orders from Douglass and Dennett, who represented Douglass in his stock transactions, for the delivery of the stolen bonds to the trust company.

The police intimated to-day that all prosecution of further investigation by them into the dealings between Douglass and his agents had been called off by the representatives of the trust company pending private negotiations which were under way between the officers of the trust company and lawyers representing the brokers who hold them.

#### Defalcation More Than \$50,000.

Col. Herman Dowd, vice president of the Trust Company of America, admitted to-day that the sum of Douglass' defalcation exceeded by a considerable amount the \$50,000 worth of Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific bonds, announced by Mr. Thorne on Sunday, as the value of the bonds stolen from the company's office.

Dennett could not be found either in his offices or at his house to-day.

#### MORE CANDIDATES IN FIELD.

### R. Luhn and W. A. Hemphstone Enter Contest in Montgomery County.

Special to The Washington Herald.

Rockville, Md., April 22.—It was announced this morning that Randolph Luhn and William A. Hemphstone, both of the upper section of the county, will be in the contest for the Democratic nomination for sheriff at the approaching primary election.

It is also said that E. Wilkinson, a well-known young farmer, of the vicinity of Dickerson, will seek the Democratic nomination for county commissioner from the Third collection district. William R. Embrey, who has all along been understood to be a candidate for the nomination for sheriff, has, it is stated, decided not to enter the contest.

#### BURIED IN SAME GRAVE.

### Thousands Follow Young Couple's Bodies to Cemetery.

Special to The Washington Herald.

Culpeper, Va., April 22.—The final act in the tragedy in which Miss Mabel Pendleton and Stuart Gay lost their lives, was closed here to-day with the funeral service and burial of the two young people. At least 2,000 persons followed the remains to Crown Hill Cemetery, where the bodies were laid to rest in the same grave.

#### Executive Party at Norfolk.

Special to The Washington Herald.

Norfolk, Va., April 22.—Mrs. Claude A. Swanson arrived here to-day accompanied by Miss Sallie Dean, Col. John Lane Stern, Gen. Charles J. Anderson, and several of the exposition staff from the executive mansion at Richmond. Preparations are being made for the opening of the State Exposition Building. The opening of the State Building will occur Thursday night, when a reception will be held for the exposition governors and the State officials.

#### Married at Rockville.

Special to The Washington Herald.

Rockville, Md., April 22.—William Henry Poole, aged twenty-eight, of Vienna, Va., and Miss Grace E. Durrer, aged twenty-two, of Rockville, Va., came to Rockville to-day and were married by Rev. Thomas H. Campbell, pastor of the Baptist church, the ceremony being performed at the minister's home. They left for Washington soon after the ceremony.

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